

DETAILED ACTION

1. The application "Reading Method, Responder, and Interrogator" filed on December 27, 2005 been examined.
2. Claims 1-15 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Mattingly on November 04, 2008 and Shrinath Malur on November 05, 2008.

In the claims:

- a. In claim 1, line 8, the term "the page" has been changed to -- a page --- and line 13, the term "the counter" has been changed to --- a counter ---.
- b. In claim 1, line 1, claim 2, line 1, claim 3, line 1, claim 4, line 1, and claim 5, line 1, the terms "A read out method" have been changed to --- A device ---.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a reading out an identification number from a responder storing identification numbers, wherein a responder transmits a modulated signal obtained by modulating a first and a second clock pulse having different clock pulse intervals from a transmission/reception circuit, a page number to be stored by the responder is counted up as an initial value at the first clock pulse, and the identification number transmitted from the responder is read out at the second clock pulse when the counter has counted up from the initial value to a predetermined value.

Citation of Other Prior Arts

5. The prior art made a record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Rodgers discloses in Object identification system with adaptive transceivers and methods of operation (US Patent 6831526), Powell discloses in System and method for minimizing unwanted re-negotiation of a passive RFID tag (US Patent 7284703), and Shanks discloses in Radio frequency identification tag antenna configurations(US Patent 7102523).

Conclusion

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fekadeselassie Girma whose telephone number is (571) 270-5886. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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